

Timbers Civic Association, Inc.

Community Meeting

23 September 2013

Purpose: Semi-annual meeting to: 1) to give members the opportunity to review and vote on the proposed budget for this year, 2) to formally count ballots and elect members of the Executive Board (President, Treasurer and Secretary, and 3) to give each of the four committee chairmen the opportunity to speak to the members to inform about the progress of each committee.

Held at Broadneck Library, with 27 homeowners present. Meeting slides are posted on the Timbers webpage: <http://timberscivicasn.wix.com/timbers-civic-assn#>

Meeting called to order by the President, Donna Sengelaub, at approximately 7:10 p.m. Introductions were made around the room; and the President thanked everyone for their participation and quickly went through the slides highlighting the language in the Deed (dated 20 June 1972), which states: "In the event that The Timbers Civic Association, Inc., shall cease to be a legal entity...then the property shall revert to and become the property of the GRANTOR herein, in fee simple" and the goals and challenges of our civic association.

By-Laws Committee: Successfully revised and adopted by the community in May. Any suggested changes/updates/edits/comments should be sent to John McGinnis or one of the board members.

Budget and Finance Committee: Presented by Ivan Caplan. Committee Chairman. The committee completed an audit going back to 2006, adjudicated the numbers, and set up a new accounting spreadsheet. Ivan passed out copies of the budget and explained the current year budget (1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014) line by line, discussing non-discretionary expenditures (which must be paid every year). Fundraising was not included in the budget. There was a question about money for parties—this is not in the budget. To date, 40 of the 47 homeowners have paid their dues, with many members providing additional donations. Meeting attendees offered opinions on whether the \$1,000 budget item in FY14 for maintenance should be non-discretionary or not.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Barnett provided copies of the Timbers Financial Position as of 9/22/13 and explained the cash flow line-by-line. Fundraising will fund parties. The expenses to date for the swing set include the \$75.00 for the permit.

Social/Fundraising Committee: Casey Pollock unable to be present. The President provided highlights of the movie night and stated that Casey, who is full of ideas, could use some help on her committee.

Recreation, Maintenance and Development Committee: Presented by Hank Sengelaub, Committee Chairman. The following items were presented and discussed:

- Accomplishments since May (the last community meeting) include: gardening by various community members; erosion control—led by vice-chairwoman Ruth Rabin—with the planting of Liriope groundcover and spreading of wood chips, and the swing set. Thanks to Herb Volker and his team for the installation during the weekend of 6-7 September and to Rick Miller for the donation of concrete. The following Monday morning, however, we were hit with a Stop Work Order from the County due to an anonymous complaint. A permit has since been requested, and the County has 10 days to respond. Hopefully the swings can be installed by Halloween. In addition, the area behind the Timber's sign was cleared following DNR's guidelines and the vapor light has been repaired to stop the flashing.
- Planned: fall cleanup, clean small climbing frame and install caps, chip/split dead trees.
- Invasive vines. Hank passed out the different types of vines being battled at the rec area: Mile-a-Minute, Oriental Bittersweet, and Poison Ivy. To date, we have only given it a good haircut, we must eradicate it now. DNR recommends Glyphosate, which is found in Roundup. Alternatively, we need volunteers to pull up the roots. Is there a volunteer to perform as a vice-chairman?
- As shown on the Recreation Area Priority List, which was passed out to meeting attendees, the results of the community survey show terracing of the sloped area by the playground and Tall Tree Trail as the next top priority for improvement. It was recently learned; however, that obtaining a permit to install steps or a retaining wall will be very expensive (in the hundreds of dollars).
- Discussion regarding the approval process for installing or making improvements to the recreation area at costs under \$500 (such as a horse shoe pit). Per the By-Laws, anything over \$500 requires a vote. Ideas should be brought to the committee; however, placement of such items need community approval. Discussion ensued regarding discretionary spending and long term plans for the recreation area, and it was decided by a motion, with no one opposing, that it would be based on the development and community approval of a "Recreation Area Master Plan". This effort will be spearheaded by Bob Ellsworth as part of this committee. The plans/drawing completed by the Anne Arundel Community College's (AACC) landscape architecture class will also provide a good starting point.
- Bring your input/alternatives to the next recreation committee meeting, Wednesday, 2 October at 7:30 p.m. at Sue Tant's house.

The President then opened the floor to discuss new business or concerns by any member wishing to speak. Several members spoke up, to include: Jacqueline Rhynard who discussed her displeasure with the lack of respect she has received and her desire to be a nominee for President; Steve Barnett commended the Sengelaub's for their leadership and recycling initiative and recommended the community move forward amicably and openly; and Paul and Jacqueline Rhynard discussed their unhappiness with the work done at the recreation area and failure to be heard in response to their petition.

The President closed the meeting by again requesting that homeowners get involved by participating in committees.

Ballots were counted during the end of the meeting by Sue Herrick, resulting in the formal election of the current executive board members as follows: President: Donna Sengelaub, Treasurer: Shirley Barnett, and Secretary: Sue Tant. Their term begins on 1 October 2013 and runs through 30 September 2014. In addition, the current year budget (1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014) was passed by a vote of 27 to 4. However, as decided by a motion, the details of the discretionary spending will be worked out based on the development and community approval of a "Recreation Area Master Plan". This effort will be spearheaded by Bob Ellsworth as part of the Recreation, Maintenance and Development Committee.